

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A processor comprising:

a processing unit for registering a print request command of an accepted print job, storing a print file of said print job in a print data storing unit, ~~and~~ reading out print data of said print file in accordance with said print request command and writing the print data to a spool file; and

AB a device control filter for analyzing and processing said print data sequentially read out from said spool file by said processing unit so as to output said print data so analyzed and processed to a printer, ~~said processor being characterized in that; reads out sequentially said print data in accordance with said print request command for supply to said device control filter as a part of said file is started to be stored and then completes storing said file~~

wherein said processing unit starts writing said print data of said print file to said spool file in accordance with said print request command, when it starts storing said print file in said print data storing unit.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A processor as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said processing unit informs said device control filter that the storing of said print file has been

completed, and wherein said device control filter analyzes and processes said print data
being read out to the end of said print file from said spool file, and output said print data to
said printer for output until the end of print data of said file.

Claim 3 (original): A processor as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said processing unit
can accept and register a plurality of print jobs, and wherein said device control filter can
analyze and process print data of respective print files read out in accordance with said print
request command for output to a plurality of different printers.

4 (currently amended): A processor comprising:

a processing unit for ~~registering a print request command of an accepted print job,~~
~~storing a print file of said print job and reading out print data of said file in accordance with~~
~~said print request command, whereby said print data read out by said processing unit is~~
~~analyzed and processed for output~~ storing printing data of a plurality of accepted print jobs
in a print data storing unit, reading out sequentially a print file of each print job from said
print data storing unit, and writing said print file to a spool file; and

a device control filter for reading out said print file from said spool file, analyzing
and processing said read out print data, and outputting said print data to a printer, said
processor being characterized in that;

wherein when said device control filter is not analyzing and processing a print data,

said processing unit ~~puts said print job in a print wait condition, releases the print job from~~
~~said print wait condition by selecting said print request command in accordance with a~~
~~specific condition for determining an output sequence and reads out print data of said~~
~~released print job for supply to said printer~~ reads out said print data of said print job in
accordance with a specific condition which determines an output sequence of said registered
print jobs stored in said print data storing unit, and writes said read out print data to said
pool file.

Q3 Claim 5 (currently amended): A processor as set forth in Claim 4, wherein said
processing unit ~~does not release said print job from said print wait condition in a case where~~
~~the analysis and process of print data is recognized as being under way~~ starts writing said
print data of said print file to said pool file in accordance with a print request command,
when it starts storing of said print file in said print data storing unit.

Claim 6 (original): A processor as set forth in Claim 4, wherein said processing unit
can read out print data of said file for supply to said device control filter only when a
requester of printing releases said print job from a hold condition in a case where said print
job is accepted in the hold condition.